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(PERIOD JUNE 20-JUNE 25)

(1) MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE DOMINATED NEWS AND COMMENT ON EVENTS OUTSIDE NIGERIA; GAS SHORTAGE, FESTAC PREPARATIONS, STRIKES, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES WITHIN. SOME NEWS ATTENTION PAID MIDEAST, GANDHI TRIALS, ROME FOOD CONFERENCE, PORTUGAL, AND ZAIRE. SCANT COVERAGE APOLLO-SOYUZ, LAIRD, SCHLESSINGER, NIXON-SCOTUS AND UGANDA.

(2) INDEPENDENT SIX-PAGE EXPRESS JUNE 24 (PAGE 4) FOUND ANGOLA THE ANSWER TO "ANOTHER MOBUTU-CIA PLOT?" DAILY OPINED "MATURED AND OBJECTIVE POLITICAL OBSERVERS ON THE CONTINENT CAN NOT AFFORD TO TAKE HIS RECENT TANTRUMS AT THE FACE VALUE ... THE UNFORTUNATE THING FOR GENERAL MOBUTU OF THE LUMUMBA EPISODE FAME IS THAT AFRICAN NATIONS ARE NOT PROTESTING ON HIS BEHALF. ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY." EDIT SAID THE US DOES NOT WANT MPLA TO RULE ANGOLA AND MOBUTU "IS INVESTING EVERYTHING TO ACHIEVE THIS WASHINGTON GOAL BY INSTALLING HIS NEO-COLONIALIST BROTHER-IN-LAW HOLDEN ROBERTO IN POWER ... MOBUTU SESE SEKO AT PRESENT CANNOT CONVINCE AFRICAN PATRIOTS THAT HIS PRESENT 'WOLF' IS NOT ANOTHER WASHINGTON-MOBUTU MISCHIEF TO QUIET AFRICA'S OUTCRY AGAINST HIS ANGOLA ADVENTURE."

(3) TIMES INTERNATIONAL (JUNE 23) SAID UNDER HEADLINE "THE INVISIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT" THAT CIA MAY BE OVERHAULED BECAUSE OF PROBES. PAGE 5

ARTICLE IN TABLOID WEEKLY REVIEWED HEARINGS AND INQUIRIES, CECLARED SIGNIFICANCE OF ROCKEFELLER REPORT WAS "IT CONFIRMED WHAT ALL ALONG WERE PRESS DISCLOSURES BUT IN GREATER DETAIL;" SAID MUST AWAIT CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS TO SHOW HOW JUSTIFIED THE PANEL REPORT THAT WHILE NUMBER OF UNLAWFUL ACTS COMMITTED, "THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE CIA'S DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES COMPLY WITH ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY."

(4) SAME ISSUE (PAGE 7) ADDRESSED NATO: "AT THE RECENT HISTORIC TWO-DAY SUMMIT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, AMERICA RE-ASSERTED HER LEADERSHIP OF THE WESTERN WORLD IN THE WAKE OF THE COMMUNIST VICTORY IN INDO-CHINA BY FORCEFULLY PLEDGING TO DEFEND HER ALLIES." BUT PAPER SAID NATO LOOKED OBSOLETE; FORD'S REITERATION OF US COMMITMENT UNNECESSARY. "DESPITE THE INDOCHINA DEBACLE, ALLIED LEADERS SAW NO NEED FOR A SPECIAL AMERICAN RE-ASSURANCE, AS THEY HAD NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER ABOUT US COMMITMENT TO NATO."

(5) NIGERIAN OBSERVER OF BENIN JUNE 23 ASSESSED NATO WITH TOP PAGE 16 HEAD "NEW QUALITIES, OLD OBJECTIVES AND CONTRADICTIONS." PIECE BY UN-NAMED "CORRESPONDENT" SAID US DEMANDED MEETING NOT FOR RE-ASSURANCE ITS ROLE BUT TO "BOOST ITS MUCH-SHATTERED ROLE AS A POLITICAL LEADER AND CONSOLIDATE ITS DOMINATING POSITIONS IN THE WESTERN ECONOMY;" SAID COINCIDENCE MEETINGS OF IEA AND OECD SERVED US INTERESTS, AND CONCLUDED THAT "COLD WAR CONCEPTS ARE GEARED TO THE CONDITIONS OF DETENTE. NATO HAWKS HAVE NOT LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS."

(6) SAME ISSUE'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION DOMINATED BY COLIN LEGUM'S PAGE AND HALF ARTICLE ON PORTUGAL. DELINEATED PROBLEMS AND ISSUES WITHIN PORTUGAL AND PROSPECTS; SAID REAL CHALLENGE WILL COME FROM COMMUNISTS. "INSIDE THE ASSEMBLY AND OUTSIDE IT, THEY CAN BE EXPECTED TO BLOCK THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WHILE CAREFUL NOT TO GET THE SOLDIERS BACKS UP." LEGUM RECOUNTED ABSOLUTE CONTROL BY THE ARMY BUT "THE REAL ANXIETIES ABOUT THE MILITARY LEADERS IS NOT THAT THEY HOLD STRONG PARTY AFFILIATIONS. IT IS THE OPPOSITE DANGER; THAT THEIR LACK OF DEEPLY

HELD POLITICAL VIEWS AND OF POLITICAL EXPERIENCE RESULTS IN THEIR ACTING UNPREDICTABLY WHEN FACED BY A SUDDEN CRISIS."

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KU) WOMEN'S COLUMN OBSERVER JUNE 20 (PAGE 7) PENNED BY A "CORRESPONDENT," SAID APART FROM SEXUAL EQUALITY, THE OTHER MAIN THEME OF THE IWY CONFERENCE IN MEXICO WAS WOMEN'S ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND SOCIAL DISCRIMINATION. "SO THE AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN FEMALE ACTIVISTS WHO ARRIVED HERE (MEXICO) ARMED WITH ARGUMENTS ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS ABORTION, CONTRACEPTION, MARRIAGE OR EQUAL PAY AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES MAY BE IN FOR A SHOCK. THEY ARE LIKE

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TO BE FACED WITH THE THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATIVES WHO WRITE OFF SUCH  
PROBLEMS AS THE LUXURIES OF THE RICH AND DEMAND FIRST A REDISTRIBU-  
TION OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH."

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